

**United States District Court, Eastern District of Washington**  
**Magistrate Judge Alexander C. Ekstrom**  
**Richland**

**USA v. JORGE BALLESTEROS**

**Case No. 4:20-CR-6004-SAB-1**  
**4:22-CR-6021-SAB-1**

**Defense Motion to Withdraw as Counsel Hearing:**

**12/16/2022**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sara Gore, Courtroom Deputy [R] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pam Howard, Courtroom Deputy [video]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caitlin Baunsgard, US Atty (video) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ricardo Hernandez, Defense Atty <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interpreter <b>NOT REQUIRED</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in custody USM <input type="checkbox"/> out of custody	<input type="checkbox"/> Defendant not present / failed to appear

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**REMARKS**

Court colloquy with Counsel that regarding this hearing.

Defense counsel advised USA needs to be excused from portion to this hearing and requests the hearing be sealed – **granted**.

USA Baunsgard excused 2:36 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Court grants Defense motion to withdraw and Mr. Ballesteros will be appointed new counsel from the CJA panel.